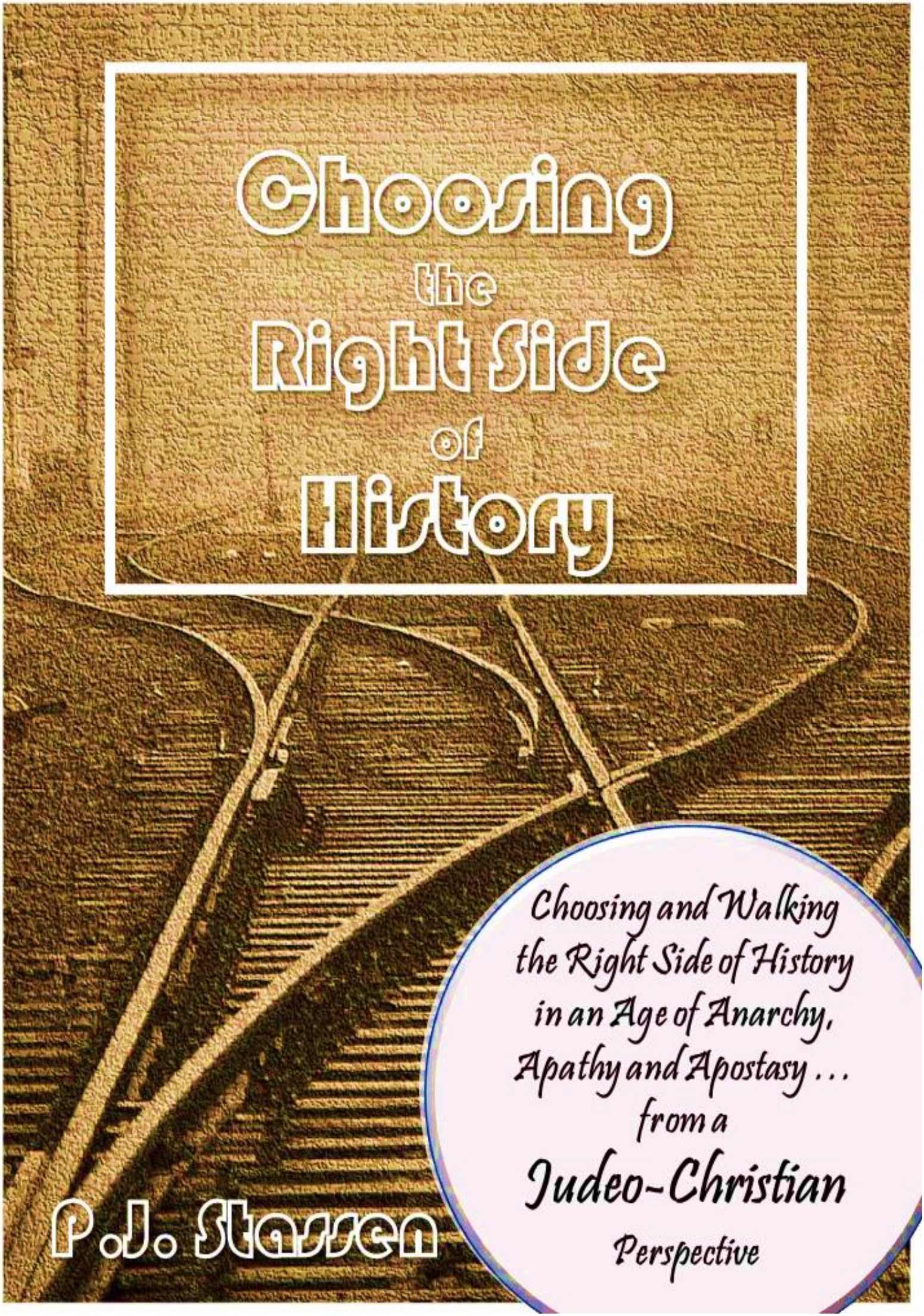
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"Death is not the end of living; it is the end of dying."

Charles Spurgeon
(1834-1892)

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FOREWORD

The post-pandemic world of Covid19 with its menace of a Coronavirus has changed the world almost beyond recognition. Never have we, well, my generation at least, seen such frustration, anger, and despondency as during the days of mandatory 'hard' lockdowns, illness and death, catapulting nations into a cultural abyss of anarchy, apathy, and apostasy with all kinds of perverted fads, fashions and cults emerging from the post-pandemic woodwork.

Yet, in this kaleidoscope of suburban cultures and transmogrifying ideologies, our resolve remains steadfast and unchanged, i.e., to admonish and encourage the world at large to choose right, i.e., to choose to walk the right side of history.

I can only heartily agree with the wise theologians who, upon hearing people say that the character of the first-century Jesus of history was so remarkable that He must have been 'forged' (and should be considered a 'fake') instead have so aptly retorted (among others) as follows (my paraphrasing):

"The man Jesus of Nazareth was so unique, gifted, remarkable and special that only a real Jesus Christ could have forged a so-called 'fake' Jesus Christ; furthermore, if the Bible really were only a collection of fairy tales, then why is it either banned or severely persecuted in at least 52 countries?"

I wrote this book, not as a theologian (which I am not), but as a sinner saved by grace and a social commentator concerned with the cause and future of Christianity in the world. The inspiration to write this book was sparked by the plethora of disconcerting postmodernist fads so prevalent in the market of ideas today, e.g.:

- Atheism
- Agnosticism
- Darwinism ('Scientific Pantheism')
- Scientology
- World Transformation Movement
- Progressive Christianity
- Christian Atheism/Jesus Seminar/'Nuwer Hervor-mers' (South Africa).

Like the evildoer on the cross who so miraculously had made that superhuman last-minute effort to console Christ out of sheer compassion, I too feel the need to remind and admonish my fellow citizen to choose right, i.e., to, whatever it takes, choose to walk on the right (and not the wrong) side of history. Jesus Christ has warned in no uncertain terms:

"The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away."
[Matthew24:35MKJV].

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"Therefore whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man shall also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

[Mark8:38MKJV].

"He who rejects Me and does not receive My Words has one who judges him; the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

[John12:48MKJV].

The story of the Bible and God's designs for man; the Commandments of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, can, for all intents and purposes, miraculously integrated to be summarised by a single Scripture reference:

"For as by one man's disobedience [THE FIRST ADAM] many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One [THE LAST ADAM, JESUS CHRIST] shall many be made righteous."

[Romans5:19MKJV].

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Chapter 1

JOHN CITIZEN'S CULTURAL PREDICAMENT

1. **JOHN DID NOT CREATE HIMSELF.** John knows he did not create himself. For instance, he did not choose his era, date of birth, country, parents, biological make-up, race, nationality, mother-tongue ... not even his own name!

John also realises that he does not belong to himself. The fact is that he had just woken up one morning (on his birthday!) to find himself in the wonderful world of who-knows-where to be nursed and raised by two people (he was lucky) called his 'mom' and 'dad'. Just unceremoniously 'dumped' into the Milky Way galaxy without prior notice, i.e., no dress rehearsal, no preparation, no nothing. In retrospect, it is obvious that, if he did not belong to himself, he had to belong to someone else ... but to whom?

2. **JOHN IS BEING HAUNTED BY MANY QUESTIONS.** Haunted by many questions, John's world has become tough for him to mentally navigate. Examples:

- Why is there something instead of nothing?
- Where do I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where am I going?
- Is there hope for planet Earth?
- How can I know the difference between right and wrong?
- Is there still hope for humanity?

3. **JOHN FEELS 'IMPRISONED'.** John has also been feeling 'imprisoned lately' ('boxed in') for instance:

- in the Cosmos!
- in the Milky Way Galaxy!
- in the (local) Solar System!
- on planet Earth!
- on his continent!
- in his country!
- in his state/province/county!
- in his city/town/village!
- in his family!
- in his body!

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- in his culture!
- in his circumstances!

4. **HELPING JOHN ANSWER HIS MANY QUESTIONS.** For instance:

4.1 **Why is there Something instead of Nothing?** There is 'something' (a Universe, a world) instead of 'nothing' because God created it in the beginning:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
[Genesis1:1MKJV].

The very majesty, scope, dimensions, and beauty of this unfathomable, albeit terrifying, Universe affirms the fact of an intelligently designed, managed, and maintained (orderly) *Cosmos* and not a (disorderly) ramshackle Chaos.

4.2 **Where did John come from?** John is, regardless of his nationality, culture, gender, and religion, here because he was in the beginning [Genesis1:1] created by God:

"And He has made all nations of men of one blood to dwell on all the face of the earth, ordaining fore-appointed seasons and boundaries of their dwelling."
[Acts17:26MKJV].

4.3 **Why is John here?** John is here to, in God's ideal world (irrespective of his race, skin tone, tribe, clan, caste, gender or socio-economic status) by the grace of God become a member of the holy 'priesthood' in the Gospel's 'House of Faith' for all believers in Jesus Christ:

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."
[1Peter2:9MKJV].

4.4 **How must John decide between Right & Wrong?** John only must follow the prescripts and values of God as articulated in the Bible (Hebrew Bible +New Testament: The Ten Commandments & the Gospel of Jesus Christ). God has given John a choice:

"I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live."
[Deuteronomy 30:19MKJV].

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4.5 **Where is John going?** If John fears, honours, and obeys God, his name will be written in God's 'Book of Remembrance':

"Then those fearing Jehovah spoke together, each man to his neighbor. And Jehovah listened and heard. And a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Jehovah, and for those esteeming His name."
[Malachi3:16MKJV].

"Let them be blotted out of the Book of Life, and not be written with the righteous ..."
[Psalm69:28MKJV].

"I also beg you, true yoke-fellow, help those women who labored in the gospel with me and with Clement, and others of my fellow-laborers, whose names are in the Book of Life."
[Philippians 4:3MKJV].

"The one who overcomes, this one will be clothed in white clothing. And I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."
[Revelation3:5MKJV]

"... all dwelling on the earth will worship it, those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain, from the foundation of the world."
[Revelation13:8MKJV].

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend out of the abyss and go into perdition. And those dwelling on the earth will marvel, those whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."
[Revelation17:8MKJV]

"And I saw the dead, the small and the great, stand before God. And books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."
[Revelation20:12MKJV].

"And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire."
[Revelation20:15MKJV].

"And there shall in no way enter into it anything that defiles, or any making an abomination or a lie; but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."
[Revelations21:27MKJV].

"And if anyone takes away from the Words of the Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which have been written in this Book."
[Revelations22:19MKJV].

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4.6 **Is there hope for (this) planet Earth?** Not much. Eventually, and ultimately, the earth will be destroyed:

"The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering! Like a drunkard the earth is staggering, staggering! And it rocks to and fro like a tree-hut! And its sins heavy on it; and it shall fall and not rise again."
[Isaiah24:19-20MKJV].

"But the present heavens and the earth being kept in store by the same Word, are being kept for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men."
[2Peter3:7MKJV].

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. And the earth and the works in it will be burned up."
2Peter3:10MKJV].

4.7 **Is there hope for humanity?** Yes, provided humanity accept Jesus Christ as LORD and Saviour [John3:14; Romans6:23].

There is a NEW HEAVEN, a NEW EARTH [Revelation21:1] and a NEW HOME coming for every believer in Jesus Christ in the 'Father's House of Many Mansions' [John14:1-3].

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Chapter 2

THE TWO ATHEISMS

1. **VERY FEW REAL ATHEISTS.** The true test of a real atheist works like the true test of a superhero: Jump from the Empire State building (New York) or the Burj Khalifa (Dubai) and see if you can fly; fail the test and you're gone.

We have one life to live and, should we choose Atheism and were found to have chosen wrong, we are gone forever. In this life there may be several 'second chances' but after death ... none.

The Christian's true test of a real atheist, however, is relatively simple: A real atheist will not repent from his/her Atheism to make his/her peace with God ... not even on his/her deathbed.

2. THE RELIGION OF ATHEISM EXPOSED.

2.1 **No demilitarised Zones.** Contrary to what atheists would want us to believe, there is no such thing as a 'neutral position' or 'demilitarised zone' in this war of ideas of light versus darkness, good versus evil. As imperfect beings in a broken world, we nevertheless are still living in a moral Universe and usually will, depending on circumstances comprising many 'variables', probably have an affinity for either good or for evil at one time or another.

2.2 **Salvation only by the sovereign God's decree.** According to the Bible all people, including the wicked and the ungodly, are sinners; but not all sinners are necessarily wicked or ungodly. The sovereign God may be in the 'salvaging of sinners' business, but He will salvage only those who He has been drawing to Him and who want to be salvaged. Faith is a gift from God sparked by the hearing or the reading of the Word (the Bible). Gifts, however, can be declined or accepted.

Now, it has been said that, when God created man and humankind in general, all our stupidities have been 'factored in' into our biological, mental make-up by default. God will, in other words, not allow the weak, the mentally disabled, the ignorant or those who have been the victims of neglect, abuse, extreme punishment and hardship or the vagaries of life simply to go lost should they in their moment of weakness, ill-advisedly, choose 'wrong'. The sovereign God, in His divine wisdom, reserves the divine right to override our decisions ... no questions asked.

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"And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Jehovah before you. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."
[Exodus33:19MKJV].

2.3 **The Name of Jesus Christ the only Name by which we are saved.** It stands to reason that, since God wants all people to be saved, He will probably (logically) eventually draw all people to Him and to Christ in the anticipation that they will all respond positively and be saved. The God I have come to know will not damn a soul to hell who has responded to the Holy Spirit's voice and Christ's call to repent; likewise God will not save a person against his/her will, bearing in mind that God, in terms of His position, stature and authority, reserves the prerogative to save whom He wants to save, or show mercy toward anyone He wants to show mercy to, or have compassion on anyone He wishes to have compassion on because He is the sovereign God.

We are not even remotely intelligent or informed enough to judge on such a complex issue except that the Name of Jesus Christ is the only Name by which we can be saved. Denounce Christ (as a properly and thoroughly informed person) and you will have risked the crossing of the 'Rubicon' of Salvation.

2.4 **Becoming children of God.** Furthermore, in terms of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, sinners who accept Jesus Christ become children of God (John1:12) as 'sinners saved by grace' (i.e., 'saints' founded on the righteousness of Jesus Christ and not on their own merit), an important distinction as opposed to those faiths who select 'meritorious' individuals for official 'sainthood'.

"But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name."
[John1:12MKJV].

Really evil, wicked, and ungodly people will, for obvious reasons, rarely if ever want to be salvaged; like the proverbial derelict drunkard drowning in the wine vat, they will perplexingly refuse point blank to be rescued. Just as the drunk driver on the road and the drunkard in the wine vat usually will reckon themselves to be 'sober enough' to make intelligent and useful decisions, so the atheist reckons himself to be (philosophically) 'sober enough' to depend on his own experience, resources and faculties for his own survival which, in his/her estimation, as a class of people who 'believe in' *(sic)* death-after-death (not the Hereafter) anyway only extends to the grave and not further.

2.5 **The risk of denouncing God and rejecting the Gospel.** Nevertheless, when we reject the friendship, mercy, and grace of God, we risk being labelled by the

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Bible as 'wicked', 'ungodly' lovers of darkness who are in mortal danger of losing the friendship of the Heavenly Father indefinitely, a prospect simply not only too ghastly to contemplate, but also too ghastly not to contemplate.

3. **ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF A RELIGION.** The phenomenon of Atheism has all the hallmarks of a bona fide religion. For instance:

3.1 **A Higher Cause or Calling to believe in.** *"We BELIEVE in Atheism."* (Religious, not scientific, terminology).

3.2 **Principles to espouse.** Atheism is predicated upon the principle that there are (i) 'No Deities' with values like Moral Relativism & Situational Ethics, i.e., (ii) 'No Moral Absolutes' and (iii) 'No Absolute Truth'.

3.3 **A Belief System.** Examples are e.g., '*Death-after-Death'; 'the Bible is a myth'; 'God is dead'; 'God is evil'; 'Jesus Christ was a charlatan, an imposter, only a teacher'* etc.

The atheists' religion-of-choice usually will be Darwinism's *'Scientific Pantheism'* or 'creation-by-chance' i.e., belief in the mystical triumvirate of Father TIME (for the magic wand of 'billions of years'), Mother NATURE (for 'natural selection', 'beneficial mutations', 'survival of the fittest', 'punctuated equilibrium', 'speciation', 'gene flow', 'genetic drift', 'Lamarckism' etc.) and their de facto 'messiah', Charles Darwin; or, alternatively, some hybrid forms of Darwinism like *'World Transformation Movement', 'Christian Atheism' ('Postmodernism'), 'Progressive Christianity', Creative Evolution' ('Darwinian Creationism')* etc.

4. **THE TWO ATHEISMS.** Now, there are as many brands of Atheism as there are brands of cellphones or colours of lipstick, but which can easily be reduced to the *two major worldviews* of i.e., (i) 'God is dead' and (ii) 'God is evil'.

4.1 **God 'dead' and 'evil' at the same time?** This begs the question: Who is right: Is God 'dead' or is He 'evil'? How God can be both dead and evil at the same time is a bit puzzling; maybe it is a new form of 'divine ultra-omnipotence' that Christians have not been informed of yet.

The point is that, between the atheists themselves, at least one of the two 'worldviews' is untrue (invalid); they cannot both be right (valid) at the same time. As far as we are concerned, they are of course both wrong and untrue. So, notice the irony: Already to begin with the atheists had not yet encountered a single Christian apologist or they are already contradicting each other over 'who' and

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'what' God is. That is the hallmark of Atheism ... confusion. No wonder Job has said:

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." [Job28:18MKJV].

Solomon even went a step further:

"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction." [Proverbs1:7MKJV].

4.2 **The 'growth' of Atheism.** The fact that Atheism is growing with the number of atheists in the world increasing affirms the historicity, authenticity, and veracity of the Bible, for the Bible has warned in no uncertain terms of the apostasy ('falling away from the true faith') to come.

Population growth alone will already anyway guarantee an influx of candidates (devoid of any semblance of a moral compass) into the fold of Atheism.

4.3 **Being on the side of the 'majority' is no guarantee.** Bear in mind, however, that being on the side of the 'majority' may not always be a good idea: For instance:

- Most citizens of Sodom & Gomorrah (the 'majority') were destroyed despite being in the majority as against the hapless minority of Lot and his family. Only Lot in his family (except his wife) survived the destruction of Sodom.

- During the Great Flood, only Noah and his small family were saved ... the 'majority' drowned.

In Eternity and at the *Great White Throne Judgment* (to be presided over by Chief Justice Jesus Christ) 'majority rule' will not be accepted as a legitimate defence just as it wasn't accepted as a defence by the justices at the Nuremberg trials of the Nazis.

5. **WHAT DO ATHEISTS HOPE TO ACHIEVE?** What does the belief in *Death-after-Death* (Atheism) hope to achieve? For instance:

5.1 **Should the atheist be 'right'.** Should the atheist be 'right' then this life would be all there will ever be with no hope of any future such as a 'Hereafter' beyond the grave (and what a depressing, morbid way to look at life and our existence in the Cosmos). He/she will thus receive the 'reward' (for being 'right') he/she has been believing in and teaching ('death-after-death') for so long ... i.e., nothing.

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5.2 **Should the atheist be 'wrong'.** Should the atheist, however, be wrong, he/she will one day in Eternity have to stand before Chief Justice Jesus Christ at the *Great White Throne Judgment* with no reasonable, rational explanation or legal defence for his/her Atheism, for the Bible clearly teaches that atheists have *no excuse* for not fearing and not believing in God. [Romans1:18-22]. Again, the 'reward' (consequences) for being 'wrong' will then not only be nothing ('death-after-death') but far worse than nothing.

5.3 **The strangest aspect of Atheism.** The strangest aspect of Atheism is the atheist's insistence on the principle that there is no such thing as *Absolute Truth* ... except for the 'absolute truth' of Atheism.

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Chapter 3

THE MANY IRONIES AND CONTRADICTIONS OF ATHEISM

1. **IRONY #001. CAUSE & EFFECT.** The atheists charge creationists with the habit of always insisting on invoking the argument of 'cause' (causation) (and 'effect') in their debates with atheists; then, paradoxically, the atheists themselves go ahead and invoke 'cause' (and 'effect') by saying that *"Evolution caused the world",* or *"the Big Bang caused Evolution",* or that *"Evolution caused the Big Bang"* ... or that "'beneficial mutations', 'adaptation', 'speciation', 'natural selection', 'punctuated equilibrium', 'gene flow' or 'genetic drift' caused the species to evolve and proliferate *"over millions and millions of years"* (so reminiscent of the Childrens' fairy tale that begins with, *"Long, long ago and far away ...").*

2. **IRONY #002. ORIGINAL CREATION.** Atheists insist that they do not believe in the God (YHWH, Jehovah) of Moses and the Ten Commandments and/or Jesus Christ of the New Testament or any so-called miraculous 'Creator God' of the Bible; then, they go ahead and insist that the blind, random forces of 'Evolution' miraculously called ('created') the world into existence out of nothing by sheer coincidence and total accident without any premeditated design or grand cosmic purpose in mind whatsoever. No wonder the late (admittedly renowned) physicist-atheist Stephen Hawking's final book was (guess what) *'The Theory of Nothing'.*

3. **IRONY #003. THE VIRGIN BIRTH.** Atheists reject the idea of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ; then, they go ahead and insist on the *'virgin birth of the Universe'* out of nothing else but "*the blind, accidental and random forces of Evolution".*

4. **IRONY #004. SCIENCE THE 'ULTIMATE SOLUTION'.** Atheists insist that 'science' ('scientism'*) will eventually prove the ultimate ('silver bullet') panacea to all of mankind's problems and the answer to all of society's challenges; then, when debating the issue, not a single scientist in the world is even remotely capable of lucidly, coherently explaining to the world:

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- Why there is something (the cosmos; a solar system; planet earth, humans, animals, plants etc.) instead of nothing.
- Who or what we really are.
- Where we come from.
- Why we are here.
- Where we (i.e., the members of humanity) are going.
- How humanity is supposed to know the difference between right and wrong
- Whether there is hope for planet earth.
- Whether there is hope for mankind.

*Scientism: Excessive belief in the power of scientific knowledge and techniques. [Oxford Languages].

5. **IRONY #005. ATHEISTS NOT 'RELIGIOUS'.** Atheists insist that they are not religious and that they reject the Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit; then, they go ahead and, for all intents and purposes, confess their blind belief in their own concocted 'trinity' of Father TIME (for 'billions and billions of years'), Mother NATURE (for 'beneficial mutations', 'species 'adaptation', 'speciation', 'punctuated equilibrium', 'Lamarckism', 'natural selection/survival of the fittest', 'gene flow', genetic drift' etc.) and with their 'messiah of choice' ... Charles Darwin.

This is a quite disturbing, disingenuous stance on behalf of the atheists; I contend that atheists are religious and that Atheism per se is nothing more or less than just another (dysfunctional) suburban religious cult. Main reasons:

5.1 **Atheist fanaticism.** Atheists adhere to Atheism with religious zeal and fervour, sometimes unmatched even by the fanaticism of some religious groups: Remember the (Atheism-driven) Chinese purges during the communist uprisings in China, Pol Pot's killing fields, Stalin with his pogroms, Mussolini with his Fascism and Hitler with his Nazis and 'Eugenics', just to name a few?

5.2 **Atheists' use of religious terminology.** Atheists are often found to use terms like, *"We believe in Atheism!",* or, *"We believe in Evolution!"* (The word 'believe' is a term normally associated with religion, not with science. When a scientist thus says, *"I believe ..."* the listener must always realise that the scientist is engaged in *conjecturing*, not in the stating of a falsifiable scientific fact, and an unfalsifiable statement in the name of 'science' is not bona fide science.

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6. **IRONY #006. ATHEISM FOUNDED ON 'SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE'.** Atheists insist that Atheism is founded on 'superior knowledge' (i.e., as compared to knowledge derived from the Holy Scriptures) predicated upon such sacrosanct principles as *'the scientific method'* and *'empiricism';* then, they go ahead and invoke unfalsifiable so-called *evidence* for their position such as:

- the age of the Cosmos and the Galaxies (unfalsifiable because nobody can travel back in time 'billions of years' to cosmologically witness and verify their 'science', whether the information is true and valid or not).

- the age of the earth (because nobody can travel back in time 'billions/millions of years' to geologically witness and verify their 'science' whether the information is true and valid or not).

- the origin of the species and the first man on earth (because nobody can travel back in time 'millions of years' to biologically witness and verify their 'science').

P.S. Unfalsifiable information presented as 'factual evidence' is not 'science', but *conjecture* (an 'educated opinion') that has nothing to do with 'empiricism' or 'the scientific method' that always should demand 'falsifiable evidence'.

Atheists insist that their position as atheists is founded on superior academic, technical and scientific knowledge, and not on religious superstition or unverified scientific fact; then, they go ahead and admit that scientists still only know about 10% to 20% of what is going on in the oceans of the world, and only about 5% of what is going on the in the Universe, describing the rest (the 95% of the Universe that they still know nothing about) as *"undetectable by scientific instruments dark matter + dark energy".*

Honestly ... will the reader stake his life on a philosophy or science that knows only about 5% of what there is to know? Is it not entirely possible that the Creator of the Universe (that august deity 'YHWH' they do not believe in, insult, and deride at almost every opportunity) may be obscured from their observations and their view by the 95% of 'dark matter and dark energy' they still cannot fathom?

7. IRONY #007. **THE ATHEISTS' REJECTION OF THE 'TEN COMMANDMENTS'.** Atheists reject the 'Ten Commandments' as God's *Holy Moral Law* given as a *Moral Compass* for mankind to live and conduct his business by; but then, when the atheist's car gets stolen, or he is scammed of his million-rouble investment by some wily pyramid-scheme operator, he goes into a fit of rage and rushes to the nearest police precinct to report the theft and to obtain a case number for insurance purposes.

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Just a minute before he had rejected the validity of the injunction that "*Thou shalt not steal";* now, suddenly, after it had become convenient for him to do so, he suddenly sees no problem in invoking the Commandment for his benefit and suing the 'perp' out of house and hearth.

8. **IRONY #008. ATHEISM AND MIRACLES.** Atheists, the ultimate materialists, just love the classical atheist's mantra of, *"Miracles are impossible!"* In fact, all their science is probably founded on the principle of 'miracles are impossible'. Imagine how far the world would have progressed by now had scientists only had had more faith in the creativity of the unfettered human spirit that believed that anything in God's creation is possible.

Think about it ... what would you think if the brightest, most learned, and gifted scientist in the world were to stand up and say, *"It is illegal to break the law!"(?).* Wouldn't it be non-sensical ... even downright funny? But then some of the world's most learned and gifted scientists will have the courage to stand up in public and in broad daylight, before God, holy angels and all of mankind and say totally non-sensical, unscientific, things like, *"Miracles are impossi-ble!"* Some facts about miracles:

8.1 **The contradiction of 'impossible miracles'.** Miracles are *supposed* to be impossible, that is why they are called 'miracles' in the first place.

'Possible miracles' would be a contradiction in terms, because if certain events were always 'possible', they would not really be miracles, would they? Furthermore, the very term 'impossible miracle' defeats the very purpose for which the word 'miracle' was invented in the first place, i.e., to describe what usually would be considered an 'impossible' event' or occurrence that did, against all 'odds', after all, still manage to happen.

A common example is a man winning a lottery with a prize of say $100million ... wasn't it miraculous? What were the mathematical odds against him guessing the winning number? So, it would appear as if what the atheists are referring to as 'impossible' should rather be described as referred to as (mathematically) 'improba-ble'.

Creationists do not deny the fact of the existence of such things as 'highly improbable' events; every so now and then someone wins a lottery with 'impossible' (improbable) odds stacked against him/her. Even had the person not bought a lottery ticket, he could still win the lottery by receiving the prize money through a kind donor or someone positively predisposed toward him, like, for instance, through a will or a bequeathment.

To say something is 'impossible' is not necessarily always wrong, but it should be said more circumspectly, responsibly (especially by scientists). It would be practically impossible for me to jump and touch the moon; but, on the other hand, Neil Armstrong did touch the moon, didn't he?

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8.2 **The Laws of Physics.** The argument that miracles are impossible because such events or occurrences would be in breach of the *'Natural Laws of Physics'* are also similarly non-sensical.

In the first place are 'miracles' the very events that are in breach of the Laws of Physics, that is why they are called 'miracles' in the first place. Events and occurrences that could not be in breach of the Laws of Physics would not qualify as miracles, would they? In other words, for a miracle to happen the first requirement would be for the existence of some law of physics that forbade it to happen. The very fact of the existence Laws of Physics is a non-negotiable prerequisite for miracles to happen, otherwise there could not be such a thing as a miracle.

8.3 **The Laws help us see the difference.** The Laws of Physics are our allies because they help us to recognise the difference between (i) an ordinary, possible event and (ii) an event that breaches the Laws of Physics (so-called 'miracles') otherwise we would never have been able to recognise a miracle or know the difference between ordinary, possible events and extraordinary, miraculous ('impossible' or 'improbable') events that, after all, sometimes do happen (and against all odds too, I might add).

8.4 **No Laws, no Miracles.** It thus stands to reason that the existence of the Laws of Physics is a prerequisite for miracles to happen, because without such Laws (of which miracles are in breach of) there would be no Physical Laws to be in breach of and, consequently, everything under the sun (metaphorically speaking) would be possible and nothing would ever be a miracle, and that is not how life in the Universe works; just ask all the patriarchs, priests, faith heroes and prophets of the Old Testament and disciples, faith heroes and martyrs of the New Testament and beyond. So, instead of the Laws of Physics precluding the occurrence of miracles, the Laws are those very agents making miracles the things that they are today. It indeed is a matter of *"No Natural Laws, no miracles!"*

8.5 **The unknown Cosmos.** The very fact that scientists have acknowledged that they only know about 5% of what is going on in the Cosmos (of which planet earth and mankind are part and parcel of) with the remaining 95% being described as *'undetectable by scientific instruments dark matter + dark energy'* already affirms the possibility that, hidden in that unknown, undetectable 95%, may lie the very reason for miracles to be possible, i.e., some cosmic extension of the Laws of Physics far beyond the imagination of any scientist that had ever lived and just waiting to be either discovered by future scientists or revealed one day by courtesy of the Creator Himself.

Humanity is travelling on a huge cosmic learning curve, so how can we ever

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know what cosmic secrets, wonders and supernatural phenomena are still obscured from our view and from the scientists' observations by that mysterious veil called *'dark matter + dark energy'?* Do we really believe that we are going (and have to) to remain stuck with the little pathetic kernel of the mighty preponderance of accumulated knowledge of only 5% forever?

Sometimes the atheists remind me of the illiterate heathen standing in a shop to buy food: Because of his illiteracy and ignorance about modernised commerce and trade, he has to buy each little item one by one, paying and receiving his change as he goes along until he is finished.

Similarly, the atheist must painstakingly discover every little (natural) scientific wonder at his own deferred, stalling pace as he goes along, simply refusing to take the Creator upon His Word and learning by God's innovative shortcut methods (the Bible) about the Cosmos, Heaven, Earth, and the Hereafter.

The upshot of all this is that, whereas the Bible remains the rock of immutability, permanency, and truth (still the world's bestseller of all times) science must adapt and improve its theories and textbooks ever so often now and then as new, fresh (archaeological and geological) information about the earth and humankind's origins emerge.

The puzzling thing is that they are totally able and willing to stake their science on the unfalsifiable information of a rickety, “billions of years”/”millions of years” ideology (the age of the Universe, the age of the earth, the age of fossils etc.) yet are not able and willing to stake their future on (what they deem) the ‘un-falsifiable’ evidence of the Bible and God’s Word. How odd.

8.6 **Miracles are not magic.** To put things in perspective: With the term 'miracle' is not meant the cheap magic of the circus illusionist, the sleight of hand of the oriental mystic and suburban charlatan, or the schoolboy's cute card tricks at the 'prom'. With that term we are referring to true, Biblical type miracles that may even still be happening from time to time to godly people today ... of that this author can amply testify.

Miracles cannot be demanded, commanded on order, or conjured up by some magic potion or ‘abracadabra’ type gibberish; they are the prerogative and exclusive domain of the Creator, and are dispensed by Him at His discretion to those He may deem fit.

Sometimes miracles may occur spontaneously, unexpectedly, at other times, only through many days, weeks, months and even years of persistent prayers and supplications to God the Father, our Heavenly Father.

Rest assured, a God of His stature cannot be 'manipulated' into granting miracles to all and sundry left, right and centre, since no man on earth possesses the stature or cosmic gravitas to ever outsmart the Creator with His assumed I.Q. (Intelligence Quotient) of INFINITY to the power of Infinity.

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INFINITY[infinity]

8.7 **He who does not believe in miracles is not a realist.** To say 'miracles are impossible' is thus:

- grammatically absurd
- philosophically stupid and
- theologically incorrect.

Just read the Bible, start praying and you may soon discover what I mean. The very reason that atheists 'believe' that 'miracles are impossible' lies in the very negative words of denial they speak; after all, how does anyone who confesses unbelief in miracles purport to ever see or experience a miracle? *They are what they 'believe'!* So, they will, at best, only see and experience what they say, confess and believe in ... NOTHING.

The secret to seeing and experiencing miracles lies in the holy words and promises of the Bible, the very things that atheists outright dismiss and reject as obsolete and redundant mythical Jewish hocus-pocus, and thereby so checkmate themselves and creating their very own 'Catch22' from which it is impossible to escape unless they make that complete volte face and decide to call upon the Miracle-Maker Himself.

Without faith it is impossible to please God! It may behove some atheists to go home and for themselves write out the Scripture reference below ten times or so:

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him [GOD], for he who comes to God must believe that He is [EXISTS] and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
[Hebrews11:6MKJV].

9. **IRONY #009. ATHEISTS AND 'INTELLIGENT DESIGN'.** Atheists in general vehemently deny and reject the idea of 'Intelligent Design' (in other words, an 'intelligently designed' creation created by the Intelligent Designer God of the Bible) in Nature, but, instead will insist on the blind forces of random, brainless 'Evolution' as the reason everything exists (their classic confession of faith, i.e., the Evolution sponsored 'virgin birth' of the Universe); then, they go ahead and make no secret of the fact that they only appoint learned people with solid academic credentials and bona fide, accredited qualifications from accredited universities in posts and positions of any importance at their institutions.

For instance, when it comes to appointing incumbents, they make no secret that they have a preference for people with excellent academic references and

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credentials such as university degrees, advanced degrees, doctorates and even post-doctorate qualifications. Suddenly the objection to 'intelligent design' has evaporated into thin air and, instead, miraculously, as if by some mysterious medieval alchemy, it has been replaced by the 'intelligent design' of intelligently designed university qualifications and *curriculum vitae* (the 'resumé') as the ultimate norm for excellence and the magic guarantor of a quality education.

To add further philosophical insult to their own cause, they have no qualms about using the tools and instruments of 'intelligent design' to intelligently ply their trade, e.g.:

- intelligently designed, state-of-the-art, million-dollar laboratories and research facilities

- intelligently designed scientific instruments like telescopes, microscopes, spectroscopes, Bunsen-burners, test-tubes, calculators, slide rules, computers, information technology & computer software, graphic design, GPS, satellite technology, rockets, satellites, space stations, science journals, books, textbooks, encyclopaedias, training manuals, university curriculums, theses and dissertations, lecture rooms, television, radio, telephones, e-mail, the Internet, iPads, cellphones

- intelligently designed Internet and websites & blogs, museums, species classification, palaeontological excavations etc.

Atheists, the deniers of intelligent design in nature and of any existence of an Intelligent Designer, have become consummate artists and experts in the field of intelligent design.

10. **IRONY #010. ATHEISTS AND THE BIBLE.** Atheists dismiss the Bible as obsolete and redundant, objecting that it is a book *'too old and ancient'* for lovers and adherents of 'rational modern science' to rely on as a source of credible information about the origins of mankind and the world; then, they go ahead and present their position predicated upon (unfalsifiable) 'facts' even *older and far more ancient* than the Bible (and actually expect us to accept their unfalsifiable statements/facts at face value) e.g.:

10.1 **Palaeontology.** The field of study of Palaeontology biologically traces mankind's primitive origins to millions of years back into the remote past (as compared to the so-called 'old and ancient Bible' that is only a few thousand years old).

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10.2 **Geology.** The field of study of Geology traces the age of the earth back 4,54 billion years ((as compared to the so-called 'old and ancient Bible' that is only a few thousand years old).

10.3 **Astronomy.** The fields of study of Astro- *nomy/Cosmology* trace the age of the Universe back *13,7 billion years* (as compared to the so-called 'old and ancient Bible' that is only a few thousand years old), thus begging the question: *Who really are the ones investing in ancient, archaic, and antiquated (and perhaps redundant and obsolete) information here?*

11. **IRONY #011. ATHEISTS AND THE HEREAFTER.** Atheists dismiss the idea of a Hereafter, a Holy God, eternal rest and peace for those who fear God and retribution (punishment) in the Hereafter for those whom the Bible calls the 'ungodly' and the 'wicked'; then, the very people who revel in science, the power of the intellect and rational observation, go and neglect to observe that Atheism cannot win but can only lose out in the long run. i.e., that there are, in the final analysis, no future advantages and/or benefits for Atheism and atheists in the offing:

11.1 **Should the atheist be wrong.** Should the atheist in the long run and at the end of the day be proved to have been WRONG all the time, they will receive, in the Hereafter, the fitting retribution from a Holy Creator God in whom they refused to believe for so long, a thought not only too ghastly to contemplate, but also too ghastly *not* to contemplate!

11.2 **Should the atheist be right.** Should the atheist in the long run at the end of the day be proved to have been RIGHT, he will anyway still only receive the reward for having been RIGHT all the time, i.e., *nothing*. (Whereas Bible-believers believe in LIFE-after-death, atheists believe in DEATH-after-death, i.e., *nothing).* In fact, Stephen Hawking has, ironically, ended his meteoric career with a book titled *'The Theory of Nothing'.*

So, why anyone in his right mind would want to live by such a morbid and depressing philosophical code, religious cult, or pseudo-theological position as 'Atheism' boggles the rational mind. There can only be one rational explanation: Atheists suffer from *clinical depression,* not from Atheism, hence all the vitriolic invectives (with the blasphemy and profanity that accompany it), anger, bitterness, and cynicism.

Despite all the advances in modern psychology, psychoanalysis, and psychotherapy, I have yet to meet a grateful, happy, and fulfilled atheist. Such secular advances do not come close to beating the enormous spiritual value of

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intercessory prayer, Bible reading and a relationship with the Creator of Heaven and Earth. That is the TRUE WEALTH that money cannot buy.

12. **IRONY #12. ATHEISM AND 'ABSOLUTE TRUTH'.** Atheism is founded upon such secular humanist values as *'moral relativism'* and *'situational ethics',* whereas Christians and orthodox Jews believe in a Holy God and God's *Absolute Truth* as articulated by the Bible (i.e., the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament, and the New Testament). The great and inexplicable irony is that Atheists reject the idea of a Holy God and the sacrosanct principle of 'Absolute Truth' ... except for the absolute truth of Atheism.

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Chapter 4

HOW ATHEISTS CAN BE SAVED

1. **THE ABC OF ATHEISM**. Once Atheism is understood, it becomes easier to deal with. The hallmark symptoms of Atheism are described as 'the ABC of Atheism', as follows:

- Anger
- Bitterness
- Cynicism.

The anger of the atheist, bitterness and cynicism in the atheist's demeanour and criticism of the Christian (Christianity) or Jewish believer (Judaism) can only be described as the symptoms of chronic depression; I have yet to meet a happy and fulfilled atheist.

That does not mean that Christians and religious Jews never get depressed ... obviously they sometimes do. Being human they are, like any other human being, also subject to the adversities, onslaughts, and challenges of life, sometimes even more so than atheists, as they are walking a walk of serious commitment to their respective faiths.

The difference is that atheists as a group of people appear to be continually, chronically depressed, and it is easily recognised in their angry, bitter invective and cynicism during debates or polemics in public about religion etc. The Bible teaches that the joy of the Lord is our strength; atheists probably never taste this kind of joy because they do not know but will renounce and reject the Lord, especially in public, at every opportunity. Nevertheless, it is imperative that the atheist be informed, one way or another, of the following:

1.1. God wants everybody to be saved.

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have <u>all men to be saved</u> and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
[1Timothy2:3-4MKJV].

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1.2 God invites even the atheists to come to Him today for Salvation.

"Come now, and let us reason together, says Jehovah; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool."
[Isaiah1:18MKJV].

1.3 God has the right to show mercy to whomever He will.

"And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will have mercy on whom I will have mercy. "
[Exodus33:19bMKJV].

1.4 God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble."
[James4:6MKJV].

1.5 The wages of sin is death.

"For the wages of sin is death ..."
[Romans6:23aMKJV].

1.6 All men (people) have sinned.

"...for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
[Romans3:23MKJV].

1.7 The Gift of God is Everlasting Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
[Romans6:23MKJV]

1.8 Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners.

"Faithful is the Word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners ... "
[1Timothy:15aMKJV].

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1.9 **God (the Father) did not send Jesus Christ to condemn the world.**

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."
[John3:17MKJV].

1.10 **Jesus Christ is the only Name by which the world can be saved.**

"And there is salvation in no other One; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
[Acts4:12MKJV].

1.11 **If the atheist were to confess the name of Jesus Christ, he/she would also be saved.**

"Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."
[Romans10:9MKJV].

1.12 **There is joy in Heaven over one sinner (including the atheist) who repents.**

"Likewise I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
[Luke15:10MKJV].

2. **CONCLUSION.** There are very few true atheists in the world today. The Bible says that unbelievers (atheists) are 'without excuse':

"For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse."
[Romans1:20MKJV].

Now, if atheists are 'without excuse' and there thus are very few 'true atheists' in the world today, what would the true (litmus) test for true atheism be? The test of a true atheist is difficult to perform because it is done on the deathbed. A true atheist is one who won't repent and make his/her peace with God ... not even on the deathbed.

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Chapter *5*

THE FEAR OF THE LORD: IS IT REALLY NECESSARY?

1. **INTRODUCTION: IS THE FEAR OF GOD REALLY NECESSARY?** No, if we are to listen to the Darwinists, secular humanists, and postmodernist preachers of the day. These apostate movements are riding the crest of the wave in an age of runaway free thought, self-aggrandisement, and entitlement.

So, is the fear of God still necessary? Hasn't science and technology made God all but superfluous, redundant, and obsolete? Against such a backdrop of cultural advances in this lonely outpost of the Milky Way galaxy, is the fear of God still mandatory? Has humanity not indeed outgrown this childish notion of a Creator watching our every move, counting all the hairs on our head, and faithfully still feeding the sparrow every day?

2. **WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FEAR OF GOD.** That ancient hero of faith, Job, in the valley of suffering, once wrote:

> *"And to man <u>He</u> said, Behold, <u>the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom</u>! And to <u>depart from evil is understanding</u>!*
> [Job28:28MKJV].

Note that, although Job had written it, it was God ('He') who had said it. According to the Creator Himself, *the fear of the Lord is wisdom!* King Solomon has affirmed:

> *"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
> [Proverbs1:7MKJV].
> *"Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days be made longer, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him ... Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments. For this is the whole duty of man."*
> [Ecclesiastes8:12; 12:13MKJV].

The Apostle Peter:

> "Honor all. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."
> [1Peter2:17MKJV].

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The Apostle John (on the Isle of Patmos) quoting the gospel-preaching angel from the Book of Revelation:

"Fear God and give glory to Him! For the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."
[Revelation14:7MKJV].

So, is it still necessary to fear God? Is it really mandatory to fear God?

3. **THE FUTILITY OF RELYING ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TO ANSWER THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF LIFE.** Earlier I have mentioned how the atheist's religion-of-choice, i.e., *Evolutionism (Darwin-ism)* as well as scientism in general, cannot even answer the most basic questions of life, e.g.:

- Why is there SOMETHING instead of NOTHING?
- Who created the UNIVERSE?
- WHERE do we come from?
- WHY are we here?
- WHERE are we going?
- Is there hope for PLANET EARTH?
- Is there hope for HUMANITY?
- How can we know the difference between RIGHT and WRONG?

Do we really need the flawed opinions (on such critical issues as the above) of scientists who, by their own admission, know only about 5% of what is going in the Cosmos (with the rest, i.e., 95%, defined as *'undetectable by scientific instruments dark matter and dark energy')*, and, who, by their own admission, know only about 10%-20% of what is going in our oceans? Wrote Harvard cosmologists:

"To inquire about the nature of the very beginning, however, requires us to address why questions, the most fundamental of all being, Why is there a Universe at all? To be honest, scientists don't know how to tackle why questions. These are outside the present fabric of modern science and probably always will be. In other words, when a ball is put in motion and Newton tells us that the ball 'will remain in motion unless or until it is acted upon by some external force,' we have no understanding why it does that. We do know what such balls do and also how they do it, but why we have no clue.

"No known procedure—not even the vaunted scientific method—enables us to

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investigate why, in the deepest sense of that word, the laws of physics and biology are as they are. We shall probably never know the answer. Nor do we know, or likely have any prospect of ever really knowing, why there is a Universe—or what might have preceded its origin." [Harvard. *Cosmic Evolution.* Online].

4. **THE FINAL VERDICT.** The fear of God, although it is NECESSARY, is not MANDATORY, since God has created humankind in the image of God who has *free will* (i.e., Absolute & Infinite Free Will) so that humankind, consequently, also has *free will* (albeit borrowed, deriva-tive, finite and limited free will predicated on the superior, Absolute & Infinite Free Will of God) as his/her 'default position'. Humankind's 'free will', however must not be confused with 'omnipotence'.

It would have made no philosophical sense for God to have created humankind with no other option but to mechanically always obey and worship Him like a wound-up tin soldier. The free will to choose *light (over darkness), good (over evil), life (over death)* and *God (over Satan)* is a privilege not enjoyed by the animal kingdom, including the primates, thus demonstrating that humankind should never be equated with primates as the Darwinists would wish us to believe.

We may be Christ's sheep, but we are not stupid. If the primates (apes, baboons, monkeys etc.) were created on an equal footing with humans, why did God not find it necessary to admonish them to walk in the light of the Mosaic Commandments (the Torah or Decalogue); or why did Jesus Christ not admonish and invite the primates to repent and accept Him as Saviour?

I have mentioned that, although the fear of God is necessary, it is not mandatory. Life is about choices. What will be mandatory (in Eternity), however, will be the *consequences* for not having feared and obeyed God (unbelief and disobedience), a thought not only too ghastly to contemplate, but also too ghastly not to contemplate. God warns:

"I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live."
[Deuteronomy30:19MKJV].

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Chapter 6

WHY EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS DO NOT SUPPORT SO-CALLED 'PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY'

Christianity with an erroneous Bible full of (so-called) 'metaphorical mistakes and errors' as 'Progressive Christianity' would want us to believe would be 'Regressive Christianity', not 'Progressive Christianity'.
- PJ Stassen.

1. **THE IMMUTABLE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST.** Jesus Christ, Creator of the worlds [Hebrews1:1-4] has warned:

> *"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders; so much so that, if it were possible, they would deceive even the elect. Behold, I have told you beforehand ... If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"*
> [Matthew24:24-25; John3:12MKJV].

No wonder Charles Spurgeon once made this priceless comment when he said that he was so glad that these kinds of outlandish 'religious' fads had the good sense of popping up over time in 'instalments', and not all of them in one bang at the same time, attributing it to the foresight of God designed to prevent genuine believers from 'dying from amazement'.

Even only as much as a cursory glance at Progressive Christianity's website (progressivechristianity.org) will quickly reveal this movement as atheists trying to disingenuously masquerade as 'progressive Christians' in a brand of Atheism alien to Evangelical Christianity. As I have mentioned before, as followers of Christ (the real Jesus!) we may be the sheep of Christ, but we are not stupid.

2. **WHY I DO NOT SUPPORT THE IDEAS OF SO-CALLED 'PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY'.** The following 'tenets' of 'Progressive Christianity' (as recently published on social media/also see progressive-christianity.org) were found to be theologically objectionable:

2.1 **"'Truth is relevant to the Individual."**

FALSE.

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This is exactly what the Bible does not teach, and it sounds more like an effort to rationalise and justify people's fantasies or misconceptions, than 'theology'. The Bible teaches the Absolute Truth of God's existence, the immutable moral laws of God (The Ten Commandments) and the divine mandate of the Gospel and mission of Jesus Christ.

Adherents of 'Progressive Christianity' clearly are secular humanism devotees, hence their denial of 'Absolute Truth' and pathological insistence on humanism's *situational ethics* or *moral relativism*.

(Do the math: If there really were no such thing as 'Absolute Truth', then the 'Progressive Christianity' adherents would themselves be lying, i.e., they would themselves not be 'absolutely truthful' about Christianity too and consequently should anyway not be trusted. By the way ... if they do not believe in Absolute Truth except for the 'absolute truth' of 'Progressive Christianity', why do they even bother to hold up such an ugly oxymoron of an ideology?

2.2 **"Humans were not born in sin."**

FALSE.

The Bible clearly teaches that we are conceived in (not 'with') sin; that 'all men' (and women) have sinned and that, if we say we have no sin, we make God a liar:

> *"And this is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."*
> [1John1:5-10MKJV].

2.3 **"The Bible has errors and is metaphorical."**

FALSE.

This is typical *'Jesus Seminar' (USA)* and/or *'Nuwe Hervormers' (South African, RSG radio)* postmodern-ism and has been refuted by Evangelical

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Christians for ages. Imagine Mao telling the Chinese communists that his 'Little Red Book' (the communist 'bible') had errors and was 'metaphorical', or Adolf Hitler telling his Nazi followers that his book 'Mein Kampf' had errors and was 'metaphorical '; they both would have been laughed out of the history books.

Even where the Bible uses 'metaphor' (and it often does) it is still trustworthy; but, to say that the Bible is 'full of errors and metaphorical' is ridiculous. Were this true of the Bible, why would anyone want to be a Christian or even be associated with Christianity, especially with 'Progressive Christianity', at all?

Christianity with an erroneous Bible full of so-called metaphorical mistakes and errors would be 'Regressive Christianity', not 'Progressive Christianity'.

Just because the (immutable) Bible does not go along with today's politically correct Leftist narrative and Leftist driven 'Christian' apostates does not mean it is full of mistakes ... the mistakes lie with the apostates.

The disciple Timothy writes:

"Faithful is the Word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ..."
[1Tmothy1:15aMKJV].

Jesus Christ has said:

"For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled ... The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away."
[Matthew5:18; 24:35MKJV].

King David writes:

"The Words of Jehovah are pure Words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."
[Psalm12:6MKJV].

2.4 **"All views are true and make up the oneness of God".**

FALSE.

Again, the denial of *Absolute Truth* and the insistence on *Relative Truth*. This is just plain old *religious syncretism (interfaithism)* in a new multicolour coat ('All religions lead the way to the same Heaven').

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According to this profound *one-size-fits-all* philosophy, no criminal will ever be successfully charged with a crime on earth, and no sinner ever convicted of sin at the *Great White Throne Judgment* where Jesus Christ will preside as Chief Justice of the proceedings. This *'anything goes for truth'* worldview is the secular humanist's *moral relativism and situational ethics* (on steroids) and makes neither any philosophical nor theological sense.

It is not even good mathematics, for if, as they insist, that *"all views are really true and make up the Oneness of God",* then why are they questioning and objecting to traditional, fundamental. Evangelical Christianity? In effect are they thus attacking their own ideology and movement.

2.5 *"Social Justice is more important than doctrine."*

FALSE.

This has got the Leftist's sick, nauseating 'WOKE' stamp all over it. The term, 'Social Justice', is anyway a non-sensical term since all 'justice' is 'social' by default. To begin with, 'Justice' invariably involves people and is thus always per definition 'social', it cannot be otherwise; imagine a man marooned on an island in the Pacific trying to preach 'social justice' to himself on Wednesdays during 'National Social Justice Day'!

'Social Justice' is, grammatically speaking, a non-sensical term, like 'free gift' or 'real threat'. However, such *pleonasms* or *tautologies* are often used for emphasis, and I have no objection against such use provided it is the truth and not disingenuously invoked to justify a shaky cause without merit and predicated on a typically Leftist house-of-cards like this one of 'Progressive Christianity'.

The moral of the story? No WOKE fanatic, false 'christ' or wannabe 'messiah' will ever succeed in rewriting the Bible or nullifying the Words and Laws of God in the name of 'Progressive Christianity' ... not on my watch you won't.

3. THE PROMISES OF THE BIBLE AND OF JESUS CHRIST STANDS SUPREME.

"The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away....
The Words of Jehovah are pure Words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."
[Matthew5:18,24,35MKJV; Psalm12:6MKJV].

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Chapter 7

TEN EMPIRICAL PROOFS THAT GOD IS REAL

1. **THE REALITY OF THE BIBLE.** The psalmist writes:

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."
[Psalm68:11KJV].
"The Words of Jehovah are pure Words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."
[Psalm12:6KJV].
"The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away."
[Matthew24:35MKJV].

As I write the Bible is still considered the world's bestseller. Writes Wikipedia:

"With estimated total sales of over five billion copies, it is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time.[4][6][7] As of the 2000s, it sells approximately 100 million copies annually." [8][9].
[Wikipedia].

2. **THE COSMOS.** To this day I am waiting for the atheist, secular humanist, evolutionist and/or philosopher that will coherently explain, i.e., outside the ambit of Bible history and revelation):

- Why is there something (e.g., a Universe, galaxies, solar systems, space, planets, people, animals, plants etc,) instead of nothing?

- Where did the Cosmos come from?
- Where did we come from?
- Why are were here?
- Where are we going?
- Is there hope for planet Earth?
- Is there life after death?
- Why can't so-called 'Evolution' *(sic)* get it right, i.e., why is there still, after so-called *'millions of years of progressive Evolution',* still a 100% mortality rate for every generation in every nation?

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Pitted against the futility of the atheist-evolutionist's pathetic response (If any at all) to such questions, the Christian offers just about the most coherent response to date. For instance, is it clear that:

- According to scientists themselves, science only knows about 5% of what is going on in the Universe with the rest (95%) *'undetectable by scientific instruments dark matter & dark energy'.* Furthermore, do scientists (e.g., marine biologists etc.) concede that they only know about 10%-20% of what is going on in the oceans of the Earth.

- God may just be obscured from their view and/or scientific observations from the 80% to 90% of the oceans and 95% of the Cosmos the scientists still know nothing about. Even had they 100% knowledge about the oceans and the Cosmos (best-case scenario) they still might not observe or see God ... to use an allegory, who in his right mind would look and search for Henry Ford in the engine of a Ford automobile?

The Bible teaches:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
[Genesis1:1MKJV].
"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured out the heavens with a span? And who has shut up the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"
[Isaiah40:12MKJV].
"So says Jehovah God, He who created the heavens and stretched them out, spreading out the earth and its offspring; He who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it."
[Isaiah42:5MKJV].
"I have made the earth, and created man on it; I with My hands have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded."
[Isaiah45:12MKJV].
" ... seek Him who created the Pleiades and Orion, and who turned the deep darkness into the morning and He darkened the day into night. Seek Him who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth; Jehovah is His name."
[Amos5:8MKJV].
"O Lord, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You created all things, and for Your will they are and were created ... and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there should no longer be time."
[Revelation4:11; 10:6MKJV].

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3. **The Reality of PLANET EARTH.** The Bible says:

> *"He stretches out the north over the empty place, and He hung the earth on nothing."*
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> [Job26:7].

Check out the image of the earth above ... it is suspended in deep space. In other words, it was 'hung on nothing', exactly as the Bible predicted centuries before modern (optical & radio) telescopes and the science of modern astronomy were founded.

4. **The Reality of the SEVEN DAY WEEK.** God made the heavens and the earth in six days and on the seventh day He 'rested' (stopped creating); the seven-day week has been in full force ever since ... why won't or can't anyone change it? [Genesis1:1-31; 2:1-3].

5.**The Reality of ZIONISM.** God promised Abraham (Abram > Abraham > Isaac >Jacob > Israel):

> *"And Jehovah said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed."*
>
> [Genesis12:1-3MKJV].

The Prophet Isaiah warns:

> *"This burden was in the year that King Ahaz died: Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, that the rod of your striking is broken. For a viper comes forth from the root of a snake, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant. Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! O Philistia, all of you, are melted away; for from the north a smoke comes, and no straggler in his ranks. What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it."*
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> [Isaiah14:28-32].

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6. **The Miracle of BIRTH.** Within an hour after the birth of my son in 1979 (and the same with the birth of my daughter in 1981) I would have given my life for a little person whom I, at that moment, didn't know from Adam, an experience, and an emotion neither secular psychology, science, scientism, the cult of evolutionism or secular philosophy can ever hope to explain.

This phenomenon, i.e., the miracle of birth, vividly demonstrates the miracle of birth and wonder of divine Creation, illustrating the futility of atheism (that so doggedly insists on teaching 'death-after-death') and the impotency of Darwinism that, after, 'millions of years of progressive Evolution' *(sic)* still cannot get it right as it struggles with a 100% mortality rate for mankind in every generation in every nation.

The miracle of birth shows that life is more than a collection of cells, bones, nerves, skin, hair, blood, water, and a brain housing a motley collection of 'thinking atoms'; it affirms the Biblical fact that the physical body of man houses an immortal spirit created by God and cherished by our Heavenly Father.

7. **The Reality of the Genesis FLOOD & ARK of NOAH.** Sceptics, atheist-evolutionists (and even 'Christian atheists' or postmodernists!) are doing their very best to deny and dismiss the existence of *Noah,* the *Flood* of *Noah* and the *Ark* of the *Flood* as described in the Bible and will invariably in debates and arguments (about the topic) write that kind of history off as (unreliable & useless) ancient 'Jewish myths', 'legends' and 'tales'.

However, the historicity of the Biblical account of *Noah, the Flood and the Ark* is affirmed repeatedly in the Bible:

7.1. GENESIS: The *Genesis Account* of Noah and Noah's Ark & Flood. [Genesis5:29 to Genesis10:32].

7.2 1CHRONICLES: *"Adam, Seth, Enos, 1Ch 1:2 Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jered, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth."* [1Chronicles1:1-4MKJV].

7.3 ISAIAH: God speaks through the prophet:

> *"For this is as the waters of Noah to Me; for as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn from being angry with you and from rebuking you."*
> [Isaiah 54:9MKJV].

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7.4 EZEKIEL: God speaks through the prophet:

"And though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver only their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord Jehovah ... though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, says the Lord Jehovah, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter. They shall only deliver their own souls by their righteousness."
[Ezekiel14:14,20MKJV].

7.5 HEBREWS (EPISTLE):

"By faith Noah, having been warned by God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."
[Hebrews11:7MKJV].

7.6 PETER (EPISTLE):

"For Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, indeed being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit; in which also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, to disobeying ones, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared (in which a few, that is, eight souls were saved through water); which figure now also saves us, baptism; not a putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is at the right hand of God, having gone into Heaven, where the angels and authorities and powers are being subjected to Him."
[1Peter3:18-22MKJV].
"For if God did not spare sinning angels, but thrust them down into Tartarus, and delivered them into chains of darkness, being reserved to judgment. And He did not spare the old world, but saved Noah the eighth one, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly."
[2Peter2:4-5MKJV].

7.7 JESUS CHRIST:

(a) As to the Second Coming:

"But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of Heaven, but only My Father. But as the days of Noah were, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. And

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they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man."
[Matthew24:36-39MKJV].

(b) As to the bloodline (genealogy):

"... the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech."
[Luke3:36MKJV].

8. **The Reality of SIN.** As regards the reality of evil and sin, the Bible teaches:

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days do not come, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them ... For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it is good, or whether evil."
[Ecclesiastes12:1, 14MKJV].
"*But if your eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"*
[Matthew6:23MKJV].
"Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruits, nor can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit ... And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? ... Offspring of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings out good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings out evil things."
[Matthew7:17-18; 9:4; 12:34-35MKJV].
"And this is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."
[1John1:5-10MKJV].
"Come now, and let us reason together, says Jehovah; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the

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land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken."
[Isaiah1:18-20MKJV].

9. **The Reality of SPIRITUAL REGENERATION.** 'Spiritual Regeneration' is one of the miracles of a relationship with Jesus Christ and it is wrought by the mysterious Holy Spirit of God ... many may refer to it as the 'born again experience'. The Bible teaches:

"But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name, who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God."
[John1:12-13MKJV].
"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision has any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation."
[Galatians6:15MKJV].
"So that if any one is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
[2Corinthians5:17MKJV].
"But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is the type of Him who was to come ... For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will be made alive ... And so it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living soul,' the last Adam was a life-giving Spirit.' "
[Romans5:14; 1Corinthians15:22,45MKJV].

10. **The Reality of DEATH.** Death is a fact of life that cannot be changed. Even the after 'millions of years' of so-called 'progressive Evolution' (yeah right!) the mortality rate for every generation and in every nation is still a solid 100% ... clearly 'progressive Evolution' did not progress even over all the millennia at all. The reason for it is plain to see, as the Bible teaches:

"And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment."
[Hebrews9:27MKJV].

11. **CONCLUSION & ADMONITION.**

11.1 **Jesus Christ as the presiding CHIEF JUSTICE for the Great White Throne Judgment.** In the light of these empirical proofs for the existence of God (by no

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means an exhaustive list) does the atheist-evolutionist have an excuse for not believing in God, or will the atheist-evolutionist be able to stand successfully before Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment 'justified' and declared 'not guilty' on the grounds of 'ignorance' or 'innocent' wilful unbelief alone? What does the Bible teach?

11.1 **No other Name by which we may be saved.**

"This [JESUS CHRIST] is the Stone which you builders have counted worthless, and He has become the Head of the Corner. And there is salvation in no other One; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved ... Therefore I [JESUS CHRIST] said to you that you shall die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I AM, you shall die in your sins."
[Acts4:11-12; John8:24MKJV].

11.2 **Jesus Christ the presiding Chief Justice at the Great White Throne Judgment.**

"For as [GOD] the Father raises the dead and makes alive, even so the Son of Man [JESUS CHRIST] makes alive whomever He wills. For [GOD] the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son [JESUS], so that all should honor the Son [JESUS], even as they honor [GOD] the Father. He who does not honor the Son [JESUS] does not honor [GOD] the Father who sent Him. Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My Word and believes on Him [GOD THE FATHER] who sent Me [JESUS CHRIST] has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life."
[John5:21-24MKJV].

11.3 **Those ashamed of Christ will stand ashamed on Judgment Day.**

"For whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words, the Son of Man shall be ashamed of him when He shall come in His own and in His Father's glory, and that of the holy angels."
[Luke9:26MKJV].

11.4 **There can be no excuse.** The Bible warns:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed it to them. For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the

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world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse. Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools."
[Romans1:18-22MKJV].

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Chapter 8

GOD IS WATCHING US

1. **INTRODUCTION.** When I refer to 'GOD' I mean the *Yahweh* (i.e., the unpronounceable 'YHWH') of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses of the *Exodus* and the *Ten Commandments,* and not some ancient, mythical idol in the shape of a dust-collecting ornament on someone's mantlepiece.

I am, in other words, referring to the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, i.e., Heaven's de facto architect and projects engineer through whom the Heavenly Father created the worlds [Hebrews1:1-4MKJV].

I am referring to the GOD with, metaphorically speaking, the assumed I.Q. of *INFINITY to the power of Infinity,* i.e., $\text{INFINITY}^{\text{infinity}}$, i.e., the Absolute and Infinite Master of the Universe and beyond.

2. **HOW GOD'S VISION DIFFERS FROM OURS.** While we cannot (visually) see GOD, He nevertheless can see us. Obviously, there is no way the finite mind of mankind will ever, in this world and in this current condition, be able to see, grasp or comprehend the Absolute & Infinite Mind and Persona of God; had it been possible GOD would not have been 'God' but an intruder or imposter. You won't expect to find Henry Ford in the engine compartment of a Ford automobile.

GOD can see the entire *Electromagnetic Spectrum* as it exists in the physical Universe; as far as the metaphysical Universe(s) are concerned, it remains a mystery to us, bearing in mind that GOD is not some kind of a 'tenant' in the Cosmos who needs space, time, and matter (as we know it) to secure or guarantee His existence or august presence. In fact, the Universe (space, time, and matter) needs GOD for its creation, maintenance and existence and was the absolute and infinite GOD's idea long before it came into being.

The Bible furthermore teaches that the Universe is expertly serviced and maintained by Jesus Christ personally [Hebrews1:3MKJV]. Be that as it may, as compared to GOD, mankind's vision is limited to only a very small (380 to 700 nanometres part of the *Electromagnetic Spectrum,* the size of which is given as (Small) 10^{-18}m to (Big) 100km (3×10^{26}Hz to 3×10^{3}Hz).

3. **BIBLICAL EVIDENCE THAT GOD IS WATCHING US.** We have a better chance of running away from our own shadow that running away from God.

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"For His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps." [Job34:21MKJV].

"He withdraws not His eyes from the righteous, but they are like kings on the throne; yes, He causes them to sit forever, and they are very high." [Job36:7MKJV].

"Jehovah is in His holy temple ... His eyes behold, His eyelids examine the children of men." [Psalm11:4acMKJV].

"The eyes of Jehovah are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." [Psalm34:15MKJV].

"He rules by His power forever; His eyes behold the nations ... " [Psalm66:7aMKJV].

"My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, so that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a perfect way, he shall serve Me." [Psalm101:6MKJV].

"For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah, and He watches all his paths." [Proverbs5:21MKJV].

"The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." [Proverbs15:3MKJV].

"The eyes of Jehovah keep knowledge, and He over-throws the words of the transgressor." [Proverbs22:12MKJV].

"For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes." [Jeremiah16:17MKJV].

"For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro in all the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore from now on you shall have wars." [2Chronicles16:9MKJV].

4. **WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THAT GOD IS WATCHING US.** God is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him:

"But <u>without faith</u> it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must <u>believe that He IS [EXISTS]</u> and that He is <u>a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him</u>." [Hebrews11:6MKJV].

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Chapter 9

CHRISTIANITY OR ATHEISM?

TOUGH DECISIONS AHEAD!

1. **INTRODUCTION.** As the saying goes, *"The only sure things are Death and Taxes!"* For now, however, I need to roll in three guarantees that no man or woman alive will ever be allowed to ignore, or, when ignored, ignored at their peril. These are:

1.1 Guarantee #1: THE SAVING GRACE OF GOD.

1.2 Guarantee #2: DEATH.

1.3 Guarantee #3: THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

No amount of arguing, philosophising or intellectualised resistance against these three guarantees will make any difference or alteration to the decrees of an immutable, Almighty Creator and loving Heavenly Father. So it is written in the Word of God, and so it will be done bearing in mind that even the preponderance of knowledge, intelligence, genius, education and brilliance of all people on earth pooled in unison will be no match against the infinite mind and providences of God with His assumed I.Q. (Intelligence Quotient) of *Infinity to the power of Infinity,* or INFINITY^{infinity}.

1.1 **Guarantee #1: The Saving Grace of God.** The Bible teaches that the saving grace of God has appeared to all men. No one is exempt ... when the Bible says ALL it means all. There are no exceptions. The *Saving Grace of God* could also sometimes be described as *'Prevenient Grace'*, defined as follows:

"Arminian Free Will Baptist theologian Robert E. Picirilli says that the word "prevenient" in prevenient grace comes from an archaic English usage meaning "anticipating", "coming before", or "preceding" .[4] Picirilli says that a good synonym for "prevenient grace" is "enabling grace", as it enables sinful mankind to believe.[5]

"The United Methodist Book of Discipline (2004) defines prevenient grace as "the divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all of our

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conscious impulses. This grace prompts our first wish to please God, our first glimmer of understanding concerning God's will, and our 'first slight transient conviction' of having sinned against God. God's grace also awakens in us an earnest longing for deliverance from sin and death and moves us toward repentance and faith."[6]. [Wikipedia: 'Prevenient Grace'].

From the *Book of Genesis* to the *Book of Revela-tion* the Bible reveals and admonishes that God is a merciful God who wants everyone, irrespective of current religious persuasion and political affiliation, race, skin-tone, culture, gender, age or socio-economic status ('caste'), to be saved, and not a single person to go lost. The Scriptural evidence for that view (i.e., that the Law of Moses and the Gospel and Christianity are not for Jews and Christians alone) are abundant almost to the point of doctrinal embarrassment for the supporters of 'predestination theology'. Examples:

"Come now, and let us reason together, says Jehovah; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken."
[Isaiah1:18-20MKJV].

P.S. Notice the emphasis on the choice available for the 'respondent' between 'willing & obedient' and 'refuse & rebel'. It's a free country.

"And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Jehovah before you. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."
[Exodus33:19MKJV].

P.S. This, God's declaration of His absolute sovereignty over the souls and destinies of people, apparently at odds with the free will of man, does not, however, point to 'predestination theology' as some may want us to believe, but to the *Absolute & Infinite Wisdom and Discretion of God* as the perfect 'benevolent autocrat'. He has created us and has the right to show or decline mercy at will; the clay does not argue with the Potter (in whom resides not an inch of malice) because the Potter knows what He is doing.

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"O Jehovah, the Hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jehovah, the Fountain of living waters."
[Jeremiah17:13MKJV].

P.S. Notice the reprimand of the unwilling and disobedient rebels, thus affirming the principle of 'free will'. Why would God want to hold people responsible (as free moral agents) for their ways and chastise or punish them if their behaviour, actions and futures were mechanically pre-ordained by 'predestination'?

"Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."
[Matthew11:28-30MKJV].

P.S. Notice the emphasis on free choice, and not compulsion at the point of a gun like in Nazism, Communism, Fascism etc.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes on Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God."
[John3:16MKJV].

P.S. *"Whoever believes."* Again, an invitation affirming free choice.

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify these things to you over the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let the one hearing say, Come! And let the one who is thirsty come. And he willing, let him take of the Water of Life freely."
[Revelation22:16-17MKJV].

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P.S. *"And he willing."* Again, affirming the free choice to take up the 'Water of Life' freely.

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly, righteously and godly, in this present world, looking for the blessed hope, and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."
[Titus2:11-13MKJV].

P.S. Affirming the doctrine that *the grace of God, that brings salvation, has appeared to all men; not just to Jews and Christians.* Christianity (the Gospel* of Jesus Christ) is not a religion for Christians only, but for every nation of the world irrespective of culture, skin-tone, race, tribe, clan, caste, gender, age, socio-economic status, political affiliation, or current religious persuasion, provided the respondent makes his/her peace with God (YHWH, Yahweh) and accepts Jesus Christ as LORD & Saviour.

(*'Gospel': Good News of Salvation for all who will believe).

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left to you desolate."
[Matthew23:37-38MKJV].

P.S. Jesus berating the population of Jerusalem for *resisting and rejecting His message,* thus affirming the right and power of the people as *free moral agents to resist or reject the grace of God's invitation to salvation.*

Do the math: If people had *no free choice as free moral agents created in the image of God (who Himself has Absolute & Infinite Free Will!)* and their moral choices were absolutely prescribed like movie scripts with their behaviour mechanically predetermined by an evil, diabolical, unfeeling Creator incapable of compassion, love and kindness; why would He have been outraged at the sins and crimes of people to hold them, e.g., responsible as follows:

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- Cain for killing Abel?
- The men of Sodom & Gomorrah for indecently assaulting the angel guests in Lot's house?
- The wicked and ungodly of the Bible for their unbelief, wickedness and sin?
- Goliath for shouting abuse at the armies of Israel and their God?
- David for his taking of another man's wife after having contrived to have her husband murdered in war?
- Simei for insulting and swearing at David?
- Nabal for being inhospitable and discourteous to David and his men?
- Haman for his murderous plan to destroy the Jewish nation?
- Jezebel for her sins, pagan unbelief and animosity toward the Prophet Elijah?
- The citizens of Jerusalem for rejecting the Gospel?
- Judas Iscarioth for betraying Jesus Christ?
- The Pharisees of Jesus' day for their conniving manner, unbelief and religious hypocrisy?
- King Herod for his blasphemy?
- All sinners in general for their sins, bearing in mind that all the wicked and ungodly are sinners, but not all sinners are necessarily ungodly and wicke)?

P.S. *The Free Will of God is Absolute & Infinite (Sovereign),* whereas the *free will of men* is limited, curtailed, subjugated to, dependent on and derived from the *Free Will of God,* with His permission. It would make no sense to say that 'God created man in His image' and then deny him the facility of free will. Man's *free will,* however, is not *omnipotence.*

1.2 **Guarantee #2: Death.** Unless believers are raptured prior to or during the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, all people on earth are destined to die physically; the mortality rate for humanity remains a steady 100% for every generation (climate change or not) until Jesus Christ returns, no matter how much the rich will try to pay to have their bodies frozen for 50 years until a' cure for death' is found.

So, whether we perish because of climate change or from starvation (through deluded 'climate change' fanatics outlawing cattle farming) is immaterial; God's Agenda for planet earth and its peoples will play out exactly as the Bible describes, so we need to get over it and get prepared.

Now, the atheist can, for instance, easily prove the Christian and the Bible in error simply *by never dying and thus by beating death* (i.e., by refusing to die) the atheist will have proved his/her point. So, why can't he/she? The Bible clearly teaches:

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" ... And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment."
[Hebrews9:27MKJV].

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten [70 YRS]; and if by strength they are fourscore years [80 YRS], yet their pride is labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."
[Psalm90:10MKJV].

Bear in mind:

- All the patriarchs, statesmen, judges, prophets, scribes, heroes, heroines and famous (or notorious) characters of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) have died.
- All the rulers, followers of Christ, scribes, evangelists, disciples, apostles, prophets, teachers, missionaries, believers, heroes, heroines and martyrs of the New Testament have died. Even Lazarus, whom Jesus Christ had raised from the dead, again died for a second time (and according to tradition, this time in Marseille, France).
- All the kings, queens, reformers, faith heroes, martyrs, the great writers, statesmen, generals, soldiers, discoverers, engineers, artists, scientists, academicians and inventors of the centuries have died.
- All of today's geniuses, scientists, academics, inventors, soldiers, warmongers, statesmen, politicians, thieves, embezzlers, money launderers, robbers, burglars, hijackers, murderers, rapists, big-time criminals and all VIP's (along with all the ordinary people), the rich and the poor, atheist, agnostic, sceptic and believer will eventually die, unless raptured (lifted live from the earth by Christ) at the End Time.

1.3 **Guarantee #3: The Great White Throne Judgment.** Many people, i.e., especially those who still believe the Darwinism driven scientists, are under the erroneous impression that mankind is going to continue living for 'millions of years' on planet earth, 'still faithfully evolving' and having conquered nature, global warming and climate change through the wonders of science and technological innovation; touring the Universe in nuclear powered spaceships and visiting friends living in climate-controlled plastic domes on other planets. Some are even having their corpses frozen for posterity just in case someone would be creative and lucky enough to one day come up with a 'vaccine' against death and dying.

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This scenario is in total contrast to what the Bible foretells. For instance, citizens of planet earth ought to rather begin to brace themselves for historic, life-changing events still to come which will have nothing to with today's so-called 'climate change', but rather with catastrophic, precursor events on earth ('Seven Vial Judgments' etc.) that wlll lead up to God's *Day of Wrath and* that will culminate in the *Great White Throne Judgment of God.*

"The earth is breaking, breaking! The earth is crashing, crashing! The earth is tottering, tottering! Like a drunkard the earth is staggering, staggering! And it rocks to and fro like a tree-hut! And its sins heavy on it; and it shall fall and not rise again. And it shall be in that day, Jehovah shall punish the host of the high place on high, and on the kings of the earth on the earth. And they shall be gathered, as prisoners are gathered in a dungeon. And they shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be judged.
Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, when Jehovah of Hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, and gloriously before His elders."
[Isaiah24:19-23MKJV].

"And the heaven departed like a scroll when it is rolled together. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath has come, and who will be able to stand?"
[Revelation6:14-17MKJV].

"And I saw a great white throne, and Him sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And a place was not found for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, stand before God. And books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."
[Revelation20:11-12MKJV].

"And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth; in that day there shall be one Jehovah, and His name shall be one ... Then <u>those fearing Jehovah</u> spoke together, each man to his neighbor. And Jehovah listened and heard. And a <u>book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Jehovah</u>, and <u>for those esteeming His name</u>.
[Zechariah14:9; Malachi3:16MKJV].

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Chapter 10
CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY

1. **INTRODUCTION.** Who, in his/her right mind, would not want to be on the 'right side of history'? The question is, how can we know the 'right side of history'? Fortunately, the Bible gives ample pointers, for instance:

1.1 **The Righteous vs. the Wicked.** The Bible makes a clear distinction between the *Righteous* and the *Wicked*.

"For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; but Jehovah upholds the righteous ... The hope of the righteous is gladness; but the hope of the wicked shall perish ... When the righteous increase, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people mourn."
[Psalm37:17; Proverbs10:28; 29:2MKJV].

1.2 **The Fear of the LORD vs. Evil.** The Bible equates the fear of the LORD with *wisdom* and *knowledge:*

"And to man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom! And to depart from evil is understanding! ... "The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
[Job28:28; Proverbs1:7MKJV].

1.3 **Light vs. Darkness.** When contemplating all the government corruption, state capture and fraud among prominent politicians and businesspeople, one wonders what has happened to the moral fabric of our society and the time-tested Judeo-Christian values so cherished by people (even by atheists!) during more prosperous times. Jesus Christ has explained the reason for it lucidly:

"And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil ... For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed ... But he who practices truth comes to the Light so that his works may be revealed, that they exist, having been worked in God."
[John3:19-21MKJV].

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1.4 **Wheat vs. Tares.** Often people may wonder why evil are not removed from society more expeditiously, or more effectively. The point is that men often are imperfect judges of character and may do the wrong thing. Again, Jesus Christ explains by using the parable of the unsuspecting farmer:

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way ... But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."
[Matthew13:25, 29-30KJV].

2. **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.** History is scheduled to 'one day' culminate in (what the Bible refers to as) the *Great White Throne Judgment.* Wrote John, the 'beloved disciple' 9not to be confused with John the Baptist), in exile on the Isle Patmos, on the future of the righteous and the wicked:

"... After these things I looked, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of all nations and kin-dreds and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palms in their hands ... And I saw a great white throne, and Him sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And a place was not found for them ... And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire ... But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abo-minable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, will have their part in the Lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
[Revelation4:7:9; 20:11,14,15; 21:8MKJV].

3. **THE VALLEY OF DECISION**. The day Jesus Christ was crucified He was joined on the hill of Calvary (Golgotha) by two 'evildoers' who were also being crucified on either side of Him; whereas the one evildoer was mocking Jesus from his side of the middle cross, the other one chose to show compassion. That feeble gesture of compassion prompted Jesus to react with an emphatic:

"Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."
[Luke23:39-MKJV].

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What a 'sentence' handed down from the middle cross; one single 'sentence' that commuted the sympathetic robber's *death* sentence to *life* ... in Paradise.

4. **CHOOSING RIGHT.** That evildoer has wisely, after years of devotion to a life of crime, for once in his life chosen to be on the *right side of history, and that saved his life.* Are you on the right side of history?

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ANNEXURE A: THE MISFIT (POEM)

THE MISFIT

(The story of the evildoer who showed compassion on Jesus)

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It seemed to be his lot, he was one of those unfortunate people,
With a talent always to be in the wrong place ... always at the wrong time.
He was born wrong: The declining Roman Empire, the broken home.
The conquered Jewish nation, the poverty-stricken slums.
He lived wrong: When others went to school, he played hooky,
Others played ball, he stole apples.
Others learned trades, he learned to cheat.
Just a common thief ... he started wrong, he lived wrong,
And it looked as if he'd finish wrong: The wrong place, and the wrong time.
A Roman cross, a painful death ... A final shame.
When, from the middle cross, came words of redeeming love:
"You shall be with me in Paradise!"
In all the stream of history,
One and only One
Of all the numberless sons of Adam could have said these words
... and he hung beside Him!
In one instant his life, given to evil ... thoroughly misused,
Doomed to die, was changed and ended in crowning glory,
It was the one sentence without which there is no success,
It was the one sentence which redeems all failure,
And it was said to him at life's final flickering moment.
The one most important issue of all was gloriously solved:
At long last, he was in the right place at the right time!

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ANNEXURE B: TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred and the auctioneer,
thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid, good folk?" he cried.
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar ... now two ... only two ...
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
Going for three" ... but no!
From the room far back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow.
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, *"What am I bid for the old violin?"*
As he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars ... and who'll make it two?
Two...two thousand, and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once and three thousand twice;
Three thousand and gone!" said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried
"We do not quite understand ...
What changed it's worth?" Swift came the reply:
"'Twas the touch of the master's hand."
And many a man with soul out of tune
And battered and scarred by sin
Is auctioned cheap by the thoughtless crowd
Just like the old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine;
A game, and he travels on.
He is 'going once', and 'going twice',

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He's 'going' and almost 'gone'.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought ...
By the touch of the Master's Hand!

- Myra Brooks Welch (1878-1959)

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ANNEXURE C: I SEE HIS BLOOD UPON THE ROSE

I See His Blood Upon The Rose

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice—and carven by his power
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.

Joseph Plunkett (1887-1916)

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ANNEXURE D: NAMES & TITLES OF JESUS CHRIST

[Source: *King James Version* of the Bible].

A
Advocate With the Father *1 Jhn.2:1*
Almighty *Rev.1:8*
Alpha & Omega (*Gk.* A&Z, Beginning & Ending) *Rev.1:8; Rev.22:13*
Amen, The (*Heb.* So be it/So it is) *Rev.3:14*
Angel *Gen.48:16; Exod.23:20,21*
Angel of His Presence *Isa.63:9*
Anointed One (His) (*See* Christ/Messiah/Shiloh) *Ps.2:2*
Apostle of Our Profession, The (*Gk. Apostolos* – One sent forth) *Heb.3:1*
Arm of the Lord *Isa.51:9*
Author & Finisher of Our Faith, The *Heb.12:2*

B
Beginning & End (*Gk.* A-Z) (*See* Alpha & Omega) *Rev.1:8; Rev.22:13*
Beginning of the Creation of God *Rev.3:14*
Beloved *Ephes.1:6*
Beloved Son *Luke9:35; 1Cor4:17; 2Peter1:17*
Blessed And Only Potentate *1 Tim.6:15*
Branch, The *Zch.3:8*
Bread Of Life *Jhn.6:48*
Bridegroom, The *Matt.9:15*
Bright And Morning Star, The *Rev.22:16*
Brightness Of His (the Father's) Glory, The Heb.*1:3*
Bringing Many Sons unto Glory (See *Isa.9:6*) *Heb.2:10*
Brother Of James, Juda, Joses & Simon *Mrk.6:3*

C
Captain Of Salvation *Heb.2:10*
Captain Of the Host of The Lord *Jos.5:14*
Carpenter, The *Mrk.6:3*
Carpenter's Son, The *Matt.13:55*
Chiefest Among Ten Thousand, The *SongofSolomon.5:10*
Chief Shepherd, The *1 Pet.5:4*
Child (A) *Isa.9:6*
Child Jesus, The *Luk.2:27*
Christ (*Gk.* Anointed One; *Matt.1:16;* Servant of The Lord. *See* Messiah) *Mrk.14:61*
Christ A King *Luk.23:2*
Christ Jesus *Acts 19:4; Rom.3:24; 8:1; 16:3; 1 Cor.1:2;30; Heb.3:1;1 Pet.5:10,14;1 Tim.1:15.*
Christ Jesus Our Lord *1 Tim.1:12; Rom.8:39*
Christ of God, The *Luk.9:20*
Christ of the Lord *Luk.2:26*
Christ Our Passover *1 Cor.5:7*
Christ the Chosen One of God *Luk.23:35*
Christ The Lord *Luk.2:11*

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Commander to the People *Isa.55:4*
Consolation Of Israel *Luk.2:25*
Cornerstone (Chief), The *Ephes.2:20; Matt.21:42*
Counsellor *Isa.9:6*
Covenant Of the People *Isa.42:6*
Creator Of Israel, The *Isa.43:15*
Crown of Glory and Diadem of Beauty unto the Residue of His People, A *Isa.28:5*

D
David, King of Israel and Judah *Jer.30:9*
Daysman Betwixt Us, A (Mediator) *Job 9:33*
Dayspring From on High *Luk.1:78*
Door Of the Sheep, The *Jhn.10:7*
Day Star, The *2 Pet.1:19*

E
Elect, Precious & Chief Cornerstone *1 Pet.2:6*
Elect (God's) *Isa.42:1*
Emmanuel (*Gk.* God With Us) *Matt.1:23*
Ensign Of the People, An *Isa.11:10*
Eternal Life *1 Jhn.5:20*
Everlasting Father (*See* Heb.2:10) *Isa.9:6*
Everlasting Light *Isa.60:20*
Express Image of His (God's) Person *Heb.1:3*

F
Faithful & True *Rev.19:11*
Faithful & True Witness *Rev.3:14*
Faithful Witness *Rev.1:5*
Fear and Dread of Israel *Isa.8:13*
First And Last *Rev.22:13; Rev.1:17 Rev.2:8; Isa.48:12*
First Begotten of the Dead *Rev.1:5*
Firstbegotten Into the World *Heb.1:6*
Firstborn Higher Than the Kings of the Earth *Ps.89:27*
Forerunner, The *Heb.6:20*
Friend Of Publicans & Sinners, A *Matt.11:19*

G
Gift Of God, The *Jhn.4:10*
Gin & Snare to Inhabitants of Jerusalem *Isa.8:14*
Glory of the People Israel *Luk.2:32*
God (*Heb.* 'Worshipful One'; 'Lord'; 'Jehovah': *Heb.*Yahweh, YHWH, 'The Existing One'; 'Elohim'; *Ps.45,7,8;*'Mighty One'; 'Master') *Jhn.1:1; Heb.1:8,9*
God Believed on in the World *1 Tim.3:16*
God Blessed Forever *Rom.9:5*
God Justified in the Spirit *1 Tim.3:16*
God Manifested in the Flesh *1 Tim.3:16*
God of Israel *Isa.45:15*
God of the Whole Earth, The *Isa.54:5*
God Our Saviour *1 Tim.2:3*

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God Preached unto the Gentiles *1 Tim.3:16*
God Received up into Glory *1 Tim.3:16*
God Seen of Angels 1 Tim.3:16
God's Fellow *Zch.13:7*
God's Holy One *Ps.16:10*
God's Servant Israel *Isa.49:3*
God With Us (*See* Emmánuel/Immánuel) *Matt.1:23*
Good Master *Matt.19:16*
Governor for Israel (A) *Matt.2:6*
Great God and Our Saviour Jesus Christ *Tit.2:13*
Great High Priest, A *Heb.4:14*
Great Shepherd of the Sheep, The *Heb.13:20*

H
Head of Every Man, The *1 Cor.11:3*
Head of the Church *Ephes.5:23; Col.1:18*
Head of the Corner *Matt.21:42; 1 Pet.2:7*
Heir of All Things *Heb.1:2*
He That Hath the Key of David *Rev.3:7*
He That Is Holy *Rev.3:7*
He That Is True *Rev.3:7*
He That Openeth, and No Man Shutteth *Rev.3:7*
He That Shutteth, and No Man Openeth *Rev.3:7*
High Priest, An *Heb.8:1*
High Priest Forever After the Order of Melchisedec *Heb.6:20*
High Priest of Our Profession *Heb.3:1*
Him Which Is, and Which Was, and Which Is to Come *Rev.1:4*
His (God's) Dear Son *Col.1:13*
Holy And Just One *Acts 3:14*
Holy Child Jesus, The LORD's *Acts 4:30*
Holy One of God, The *Mrk.1:24*
Holy One of Israel, The *Isa.41:14;* 49:7; *54:5*
Holy One (Your) *Isa.43:15*
Holy Thing, That (*Heb.* Separated One) *Luk.1:35*
Horn of Our Salvation (*See* Salvation) *Luk.1:69*

I
I Am *Jhn.8:58*
Immánuel (Heb. God With Us) *Isa.7:14; Matt.1:23*

J
Jehovah (See God) *Exod.6:3; Ps.83:18; Isa.12:2; 26:4*
Jehovah-Jireh (God Who Provides) *Gen.22:14*
Jehovah-Nissi (God Is My Banner) *Exod.17:15*
Jehovah-Shalom (God Is Peace) *Judg.6:24*
Jesus (Heb.Yeshuah, Saviour) *Matt.1:16;1:21*
Jesus Christ (See Christ) *Matt.1:1; Jhn.1:17; Acts 2:38; Rom.1:1; 1 Cor.2:2; 2Cor.1:19; Gal.2:16; Phil.1:8; Heb.13:8; 1 Jhn.1:7* etc.
Jesus Christ Our Lord *Rom.1:3*

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Jesus Christ Our Saviour *Tit.3:6*
Jesus Christ the Righteous *1 Jhn.2:1*
Jesus, King of the Jews *Matt.27:37*
Jesus of Nazareth *Mrk.1:24; Luk.24:19*
Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews *Jhn.19:19*
Jesus, Son of Joseph *Jhn.6:42*
Jesus the Christ *Matt.16:20*
Jesus the Son of God *Heb.4:14*
Judge, Our *Isa.33:22*
Judge of the Quick (Living) And the Dead, The *Acts 10:42*
Judge of Israel *Mic.5:1*
Just Man, That *Matt27:19*

K
King, the Lord our Isa.33:22
King, Your Isa.43.15
King David their Jer.30:9
King of Glory Ps.24:9,10
King of Israel Jhn.1:49
KING of Kings 1 Tim.6:15 Rev.17:14; 19:16
King of the Daughter of Zion Matt.21:5
King of the Jews, Jesus of Nazareth, The (See Nazarene) Jhn.19:19
King Over All the Earth Zch.14:9

L
Lamb *Rev.5:6,8; 6:16; 7:9,10,17; 12:11; 13:8;14:1,4; 15:3; 17:14; 19:7,9; 21:9,14,22,23,27*
Lamb Of God *Jhn.1:29*
Last Adam, The *1 Cor.15:45*
Lawgiver, Our *Isa.33:22*
Leader And Commander to the People *Isa.55:4*
Light of life *Jhn.8:12*
Light of the Gentiles *Isa.42:6*
Lily of the Valley *Song of Solomon 2:1*
Living Bread That Came Down from Heaven, The *Jhn.6:51*
Living One That Has the Keys of Hell and Death *Rev.1:18*
Living Stone *1 Pet.2:4*
Light of the World, The *Jhn.8:12*
Light To Lighten the Gentiles, And the Glory of Thy People Israel *Luk.2:32*
Lion And Lord Out of the Tribe of Judah *Heb.7:14; Rev.5:5*
Lord, The (*See* God) *Isa.40:3*
Lord From Heaven, The *1 Cor.15:47*
Lord God Almighty *Rev.15:3*
Lord Jehovah, The *Isaiah12:2*
Lord Jesus *Acts7:59/Col.3:17/1 Thess.4:2*
Lord Jesus Christ *1 Cor.1:2,3; Acts 11:17 Rom.5:1,11; Acts16:31; 20:21*
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory *Jas.2:1*
Lord Jesus Christ Our Saviour *Tit.1:4*
Lord Mighty in Battle *Ps.24:8*
Lord of All *Acts10:36; Rom.10:12*
Lord of Both the Dead and Living Rom.14:9

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LORD of Lords *1 Tim.6:15; Rev.17:14; 19:16*
Lord of the Hosts *Ps.24:10 Isa.54:5*
Lord of the Sabbath *Mrk.2:28*
Lord Our Righteousness, The Jer.*23:6*
Lord's Christ, The *Luke.2:26*

M
Maker Of Jacob & Israel *Isa.44:2*
Man Christ Jesus, The *1 Tim.2:5*
Man of Sorrows & Acquainted with Grief *Isa.53:3*
Man, That Is God's Fellow *Zch.13:7*
Master (*See* Rabbi/Rabboni/God) *Matt.23:8*
Mediator Between God and Man, One *1 Tim.2:5*
Messenger of the Covenant *Mal.3:1*
Messiah (*Heb.* Anointed One. *See* Christ). *Jhn.1:41*
Messiah the Prince, The *Dan.9:25*
Mighty God, The *Isa.9:6*
Mighty One of Jacob, The *Isa.49:26*
Mighty One of Israel, The *Isa.30:29*
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Minister of the Sanctuary & True Tabernacle, A *Heb.8:2*
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N
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O
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Only Begotten Son Which Is in the Bosom of the Father, The *Jhn.1:18*
Only Wise God Our Saviour, The *Jud.1:25*
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Our Peace (He Is) *Ephes.2:14*

P
Petra (*Gk.* Rock) *Matt.16:18*
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Power Of God, The *1 Cor.1:24*
Precious Cornerstone, A Chief, Elect, A Tried, Sure Foundation *1 Pet.2:6; Isa.28:16*
Priest Forever After the Order of Melchisedec *Heb.7:17*
Prince (Messiah The) *Dan.9:25*
Prince of Life, The *Acts 3:15*
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Propitiation For Our Sins *1 Jhn.2:2*
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Q
Quickening Spirit, The Last Adam was made a 1 *Cor.15:45*

R
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S
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T
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Tried Stone, A *Isa.28:16*
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W
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INVITATION

"For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
[Romans6:23MKJV].

"I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live."
[Deuteronomy30:19MKJV].

RSVP

I herewith today accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour by accepting His invitation to repent and believe the Gospel.

Signed *Date*

"And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God draws near. Repent, and believe the gospel." [Mark1:15-16MKJV].

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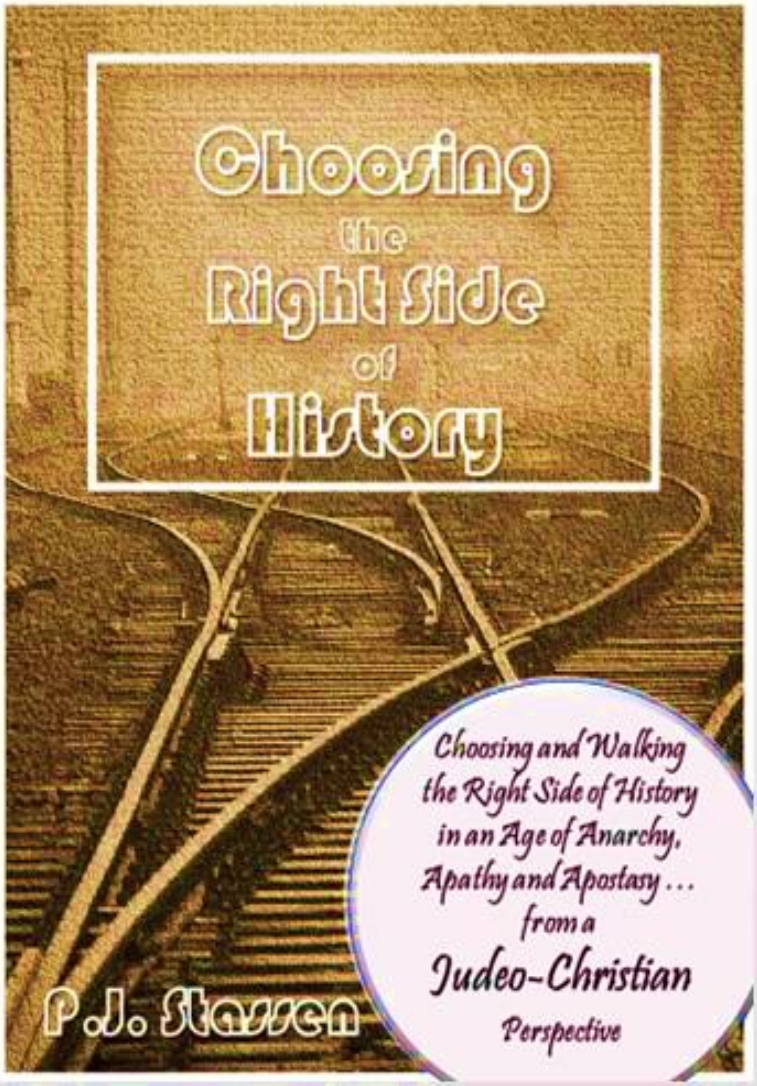
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